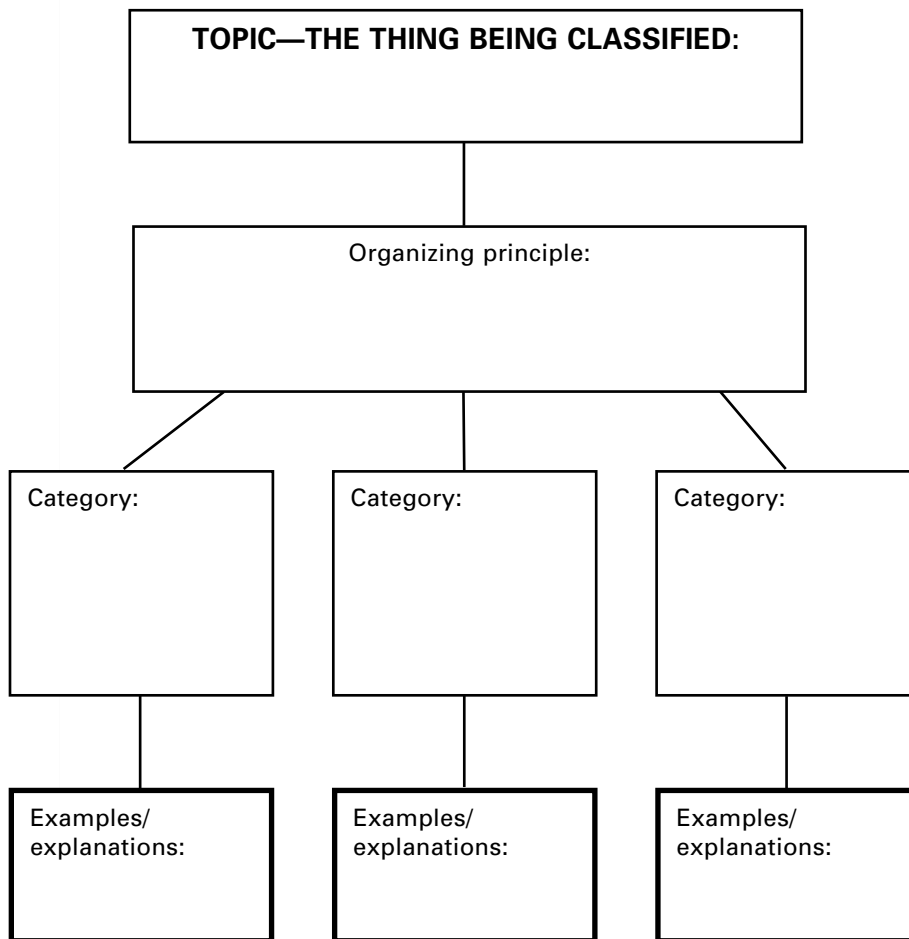


Planning Form for Classification

Classification is writing that organizes, or sorts, people or items into categories.

The **topic sentence** or **thesis statement** for classification usually includes the topic being classified and how it is being classified—the organizing principle. Sometimes the categories themselves are named. The **support** for classification is the categories used and the examples or explanations of items in each category.



Classification can use **time**, **space**, or **importance order**. If the order of the categories in your paper will be different from the order in which you wrote them down here, use the lines under the boxes to write in numbers indicating the order you want to use.

For more help with your classification paper, see Chapter 13 in *Real Writing*.